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Cleared by the CIA's publications review board—a controversial policy that retired Company man Hood endorses in his foreword—much of the material here is so sanitized as to be downright boring. And the CIA's censorship seems to have been overscrupulous, as witness Hood's use throughout of a pseudonym for the so-called Mole's mistress, called here Lyuba Bielic, even though, as we're told in a footnote, her true name is known to readers of *Pravda*. The Mole whom Hood sort of reveals to us is GRU operative Pyotr S. Popov (not to be confused with the infamous Dusko Popov, inspiration for James Bond) who in the 1950s was a CIA penetration agent. Popov first offered his services to the Company when he was stationed in occupied Vienna, then continued his spying from his later posting in East Berlin. The intelligence he supplied was of such caliber, according to Hood, that it was transmitted to the White House with an "Eyes Only" rubric. That rubric, presumably, is still in force, at least by evidence of a book that leaves one wondering about the need for secrecy on a case the Soviet public read about back in 1962 when, Hood informs us, *Pravda* reported the spy's execution. *Reprint to Ballantine; History Book Club alternate.* [May 17]

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